
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 348

AN ACT CONCERNING POST-ELECTION AUDITS.

SUMMARY:

The law requires registrars of voters to audit the state's voting districts, selected through random drawing, after a regular federal, state, or municipal election or primary, except for districts where an office is subject to a recanvass (recount) or an election or primary contest. This bill prohibits more than three districts in a municipality (whether wholly or partially in the municipality) from being audited for a post-primary or post-election audit. If a fourth district in a municipality is selected in the random drawing, the secretary of the state must randomly select an alternative district.

By law, the registrars must audit at least 10% of the voting districts in the state, municipality, or district, whichever applies. The offices subject to the audit in the selected districts are:

1. in a presidential or gubernatorial election, all offices required to be audited by federal law, plus one additional office selected in a random drawing by the secretary of the state, but in no case fewer than three offices;
2. in a municipal election, three offices or 20% of the offices on the ballot, whichever is greater, selected at random by the town clerk; and
3. in a primary election, all offices required to be audited by federal law, plus one additional office, if any, but at least 20% of the offices on the ballot, selected at random by the town clerk.

The audit must occur between the 15th day after an election or primary and two days before the secretary of the state canvasses the votes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/24/2014)